

CLAIMS

1. Use of nicotine or a derivative thereof for producing a drug for continuous or progressive administration of 0.2 mg to 5 mg per day per kilogram of body weight in man, said drug being administered simultaneously with L-DOPA in a dose at least 30% lower than the effective dose when L-DOPA is administered alone.

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2. Use according to claim 1, in which the drug is for the treatment of Parkinson's disease and Tourette's syndrome.

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3. Use according to claim 1 or claim 2, in which the nicotine or derivative thereof is administered with L-DOPA in doses at least 50% lower than effective doses when L-DOPA is administered alone.

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4. Use according to any one of claims 1 to 3, in which the drug also comprises a dopaminergic agonist.

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Use according to claim 4, in which the agonist is bromocriptine or biperiden.

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6. Use according to any one of claims 1 to 5, in which the drug is intended for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases over a period of more than four months.

7. Use according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the drug is in a galenical form for controlled liberation of the active principle.

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8. Use according to claim 7, in which the drug is in the form of a transdermal patch.

9. Use according to claim 7, in which the drug is in the liquid form and administered sub-cutaneously using an extracorporeal pump.

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